PROPOSED TRANSPORT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK

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To establish an effective mechanism for networking and collaboration of institutions active in the area of transport planning and policy development and logistics in the region;

to help in capacity building of public and private sector organizations at the national and local levels through organization of training programmes;

to promote a comprehensive and integrated approach to planning and policy development for the development of transport infrastructure and services;

to develop and exchange training materials based on experiences in the region suitable for regular academic programmes and short courses;

to facilitate dissemination of information concerning transport sector development, public policies and good and innovative practices in the region.
INTENDED IMPACT

- close collaboration between national participating institutions and relevant regional/international stakeholders and organizations active in education, training, research, planning and policy development in the field of sustainable transport;
- improved education and training in transport through improved curricula, dissemination of acquired knowledge, sharing of facilities and exchange of faculties and researchers;
- improved access of institutions, governments and other interested parties to information, which can assist in transport planning and policy development;
- enhanced capabilities of institutions to provide advisory services to public and private agencies at the country level.
PREPARATORY PROCESS

- An inventory of institutions prepared classified in groups according to thematic areas of their work and type of institution (more than 100);
- A first round of outreach and discussion with selected identified institutions was conducted by ESCAP to collect information about specific research areas that these institutions are focusing on, kinds of trainings and programmes offered, their target audience and main collaboration interests;
- Based on the analysis of structured interviews from the sample of institutions, a proposed mechanism was designed.
ORGANIZATIONAL AND GOVERNING STRUCTURE

- **Secretariat**: Will provide administrative and executive support and facilitate communication and knowledge sharing.

- **Advisory Board**: Initially composed of founding members, will adopt terms of reference and rules of procedure, including on rotational membership of the Board. The Board will meet annually to provide guidance to the secretariat on the design and implementation of research and capacity building programmes.

- **Membership**
  - Founding members: institutions who were actively engaged in elaboration of the transport partnership mechanism and substantively contributed to the establishing the partnership network. TREN core partners are governmental, intergovernmental, non-governmental and academic institutions who provide significant and regular support to ESCAP TREN activities in the form of in-kind contributions, expertise and substantive inputs for research.
  - Associate members: institutions who join TREN activities or collaborate with TREN after its establishment on an ad-hoc basis.
In order to be eligible to become a member of ESCAP Transport Research and Education Network an institution is expected to meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be engaged in the area of transport research and policy relevant for the network;
- conduct transport training programmes at various levels;
- provide advisory services in the area of transport to public and private sector agencies;

Members will also be required to:

- contribute a knowledge item to the knowledge bank of the platform;
- be available for proactive participation in the online and offline activities organized within the platform.
CRITERIA FOR JOINING THE NETWORK (CONT’D)

No restrictions in the number of members per country. To maintain their membership, all members have to participate in at least one ESCAP TREN activity/event biennially or to contribute at least one paper/study or other significant and relevant input on transport research to the ESCAP TREN website every 12 months. All ESCAP TREN Members are required to provide a link to the ESCAP TREN website from their institutional website.

Becoming a member will be free of charge
The secretariat will continue to implement the activities foreseen in the project document, including the piloting of some parts of the proposed training module.

The formalities for establishing the network will be launched after the conference.

The network will be officially launched and become operational at a special side-event to the 4th Ministerial Conference on Transport
Thank you

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